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For: **FIBRE-OPTIC CONNECTOR**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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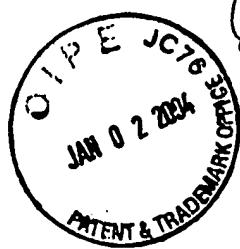
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This is in response to the Office Action made final having a mailing date of September 3, 2003. The three month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire on December 3, 2003 and a one month extension of time and appropriate fee are enclosed extending the period for response to January 3, 2004, making this a timely filed response. An RCE is enclosed herewith so as to permit this amendment to be considered.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claim** begin in Appendix A.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.



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Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Response to Office Action;
- (2) Request for Continued Examination;
- (3) One Month Extension of Time;
- (4) Check No. 20093 in the amount of \$385; and
- (5) Check No. 20091 in the amount of \$55.00.

If an Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is required and has not been separately requested herein, please consider this Transmittal Letter as including a request for such Extension of Time and as a further authorization to charge any fee for such Extension of Time, as may be required by 37 CFR § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Please charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this matter to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above identified application.

Please enter and consider the Response and Amendment filed herewith.

The RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is submitted herewith.

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